



Ward 5 NPA  
DPW Conference Room, 645 Pine Street  
Thursday, April 21, 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
Draft Minutes

Steering Committee Members Present: Alec Bauer, Bill Keogh, Elisa Nelson

Meeting start time: 7:05pm

### **Welcomes and Introductions**

Faisal Gill running for State Senate for Chittenden County.

### **Steering Committee Elections**

Bill Keogh, Alec Bauer, Hans Manske, and Nate Orshan was nominated by Elisa Nelson  
Elisa Nelson was nominated by Alec Bauer  
Katie Berk was nominated by Bill Lennon  
Bill Keogh moved the slate of nominees  
Alec Bauer seconded the slate

### **School Board Update - Commissioner Miriam Stoll**

Budget for FY17 was passed

One issue is reduction in force due to restrictions under of Act 46. This caused a complicated process that involves letting go of new teachers, allowing older teachers to stay which is determined by their union contracts. Also any teacher whose position may be cut must be notified, even if they can be reassigned or positions combined.

The bulk of change is in the high school. Superintendent did an audit that shows high school student population has shrunk. It's expected in next 5-7 years student population will come back but not now. The greatest changes in force will happen at this level.

Negation of teacher contract is set to one year contract. Major reason set for one year is due to changes in teacher health care. Since there will be changes it makes sense to make contracts one year. Board wants to avoid a teacher strike. Ask that fact finding be ready in June for mediation process. District gave one last offer. When school starts next year, and if school can afford, will give another offer. If can't afford will offer contract and teachers can decide to strike.

Some good news in the School District is Principal Bobby Riley of Integrated Arts Academy was named Principal of year. Burlington High School basketball team came in top of state and scholar's bowl came out top of state too.

### **City Council Update-South District Joan Shannon**

Free press shared news about the mall. Don't have all the option but like to work with this company that meets plan BTV. There are 40-50 images that are available on CEDO website. <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/BTV-Mall-Redevelopment-Process>

What was in the news is the Mayor has come to agreement with Don Sinex and the agreement will come to the Council on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for a vote.

This project will be a prescribed process and the City will have the design we want. Sinex does the details and if Form Base Code is imposed on this project it will be a prescribed project that raises the bar in design of Mass and Height. Developers can still be creative with design.

There has been a general positive support for this project

The mall re-development consist of 274 housing units, 110 student housing which Champlain will manage, some retail and 25% is affordable housing. There is some talk about a cinema. This project will support Burlington as a place you want to live, work, shop and recreate. Retail has been cut back in this project

Committee has wrapped up Form Based Code and Director of Planning and Zoning, Dave White will be coming to NPAs to present on this.

Parks, Arts and Culture based did a survey about smoking ban. Some larger parks have designated section. It did not pass at City Council. High Schoolers have been surveyed and 70% against smoking in public places. A smoking ban in public parks is still being explored.

### **Phil Murdoc-Wings Over Vermont, Vermont Air National Guard**

Wings Over Vermont, a foundation is producing a free airshow on August 13 and 14th at Waterfront. The air show will span and have crowds from North Beach to Oakledge. Foundation started in 2005 in response to 911. After 911, people started sending money to the guard to help families. The Foundation is a 501C3 which purpose is to help all VT military families in financial need. Millions have been given to help families since 2005. The foundation is working with many State and Fed agencies especially for public safety. Less jet demonstrations might reduce some of the noise. There will be 600 volunteers mostly group volunteers from Dealer.Com, Boy and Girls, and Rotary. Website will be up soon in 30 days. Questions contact Phil Murdoc [Chairman@wingsoververmont.org](mailto:Chairman@wingsoververmont.org) or [info@wingsoververmont.org](mailto:info@wingsoververmont.org)

## **NPA Related Open Form and Closing**

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum's schooner Lois McClure will be open this summer at Perkins Pier - Thursday to Sunday. There is also a Community Rowing Program in Burlington for businesses and individuals. High school students build row boats and once a week will go out as a team to row out in Lake Champlain. Students also race other school teams and row in the ocean. Rowing program can involve corporate teams too.

Also looking for donated bikes for summer camps in Burlington and Vergennes. 20" and 24" rims for youth. Can donate or loan and Lake Champlain Maritime Museum will give back at end of the summer.

For more information visit Lake Champlain Maritime Museum website

<http://www.lcmm.org/>

Meeting Adjourn: 9:10pm

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